Leveraging the Naval Sea Base

Current Army Sea Basing

Army's current form of Sea Basing is the static use of Army Prepositioned Stocks (APS) to reduce lift requirements and meet deployment goals. Current APS strategy is to provide:

A set of forward positioned critical capabilities oriented toward reducing responsive time for the Transforming Army to execute operations without an operational pause and capable of meeting demands of full spectrum of operations.

Composition of current APS is being studied to identify potential reconfigurations to meet the needs of the transforming Army.

Potential Army Uses for the Naval Sea Base

- Provide reception and staging platforms.
- Support deployment for an Army mounted ground force.
- Support sustainment of common supply items and logistic services.
- Provide medical support.
- Provide maintenance support for common items of equipment.
- Extend, and integrate, *FORCEnet* C4ISR capabilities.
- Extend *Sea Shield* force protection capabilities.
- Provide Naval fire support and air and missile

Unified Course 04 Observations

- **Part of the Naval Operating Concept for Joint Operations**
- **Capability, not a “thing” or a “place”**
- **Must be developed within Joint Deployment, Employment and Sustainment context**
- **Potential as a joint concept: requires participation from all Services**

Army's Unified Course 04 Takeaways

- **Convergence of lift requirements, sea basing, and intra-theater lift**
- **Anti-access challenge: need to circumvent fixed point defenses**
- **Army forces afloat: feasible near-term**
- **Mobility as the counter to information**
- **Value of service experimentation within the joint context**
- **Campaign quality Army with Joint & Expeditionary mindset**